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The Honorable Robert J. Lagomarsino  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Congressman Lagomarsino:

I am pleased to respond to your July 24, 1979 referral of a letter from your constituents, Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Saruwatari. Since rulings and decisions related to the Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant could be subject to review by the Commission, it would not be appropriate under current rules for the Commissioner to comment on your constituents' concerns regarding Diablo Canyon at this time. Therefore, your letter was referred to me for reply. Your constituents expressed concerns over the number of pounds of "white rain" and radioactive dust that would be emitted from Diablo Canyon during optimum and actual operating conditions and what minerals this dust would contain.

While your constituents' letter does not specifically define "white rain," we assume that the term refers to the precipitation of water in the areas around plants that have cooling towers. This precipitation is not radioactive except for possible trace amounts that would result from it mixing with normal air-borne radioactive effluents from the plant. Although Diablo Canyon, Units 1 & 2 do not have cooling towers, we have evaluated stations that do use cooling towers and have found that their impact on the environment from the "white rain" effect to be negligible.

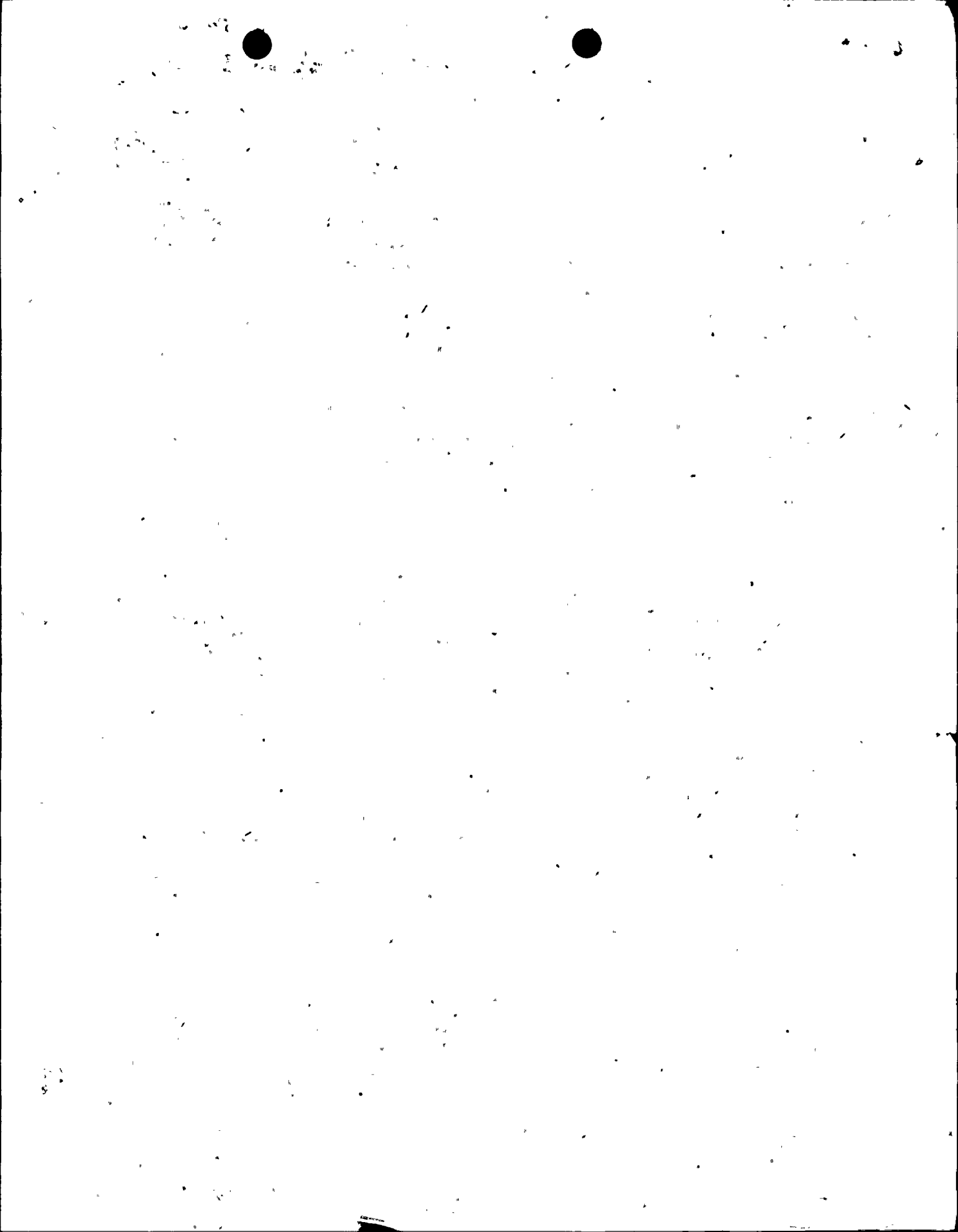
In regard to the number of pounds of radioactive dust per day released from Diablo Canyon, we assume that your constituents were referring to the radioactive particulate that is not removed by filters and is released to the environment. Based on the expected gaseous effluents from both units during normal plant operation, we calculate that the total release from both units would be less than 10 grams per year or 0.00006 pounds per day. The increase in radiation exposure due to the operation of Diablo Canyon, Units 1 & 2 will be a very small fraction of that received from natural background radiation. Based on actual operating experience from operating nuclear reactors, we conclude that there will be no discernible radiological impact on the general public as a result of normal operation of the Diablo Canyon Station.

I trust that the above information has been responsive to your constituents' concerns.

Sincerely, <sup>HD</sup> 2 7909280291 (SD)

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July 24, 1979

Joseph Hendrie, Chairman  
Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
1717 H Street  
Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Mr. Hendrie:

Enclosed is a self-explanatory communication from my constituents, Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Saruwatari, in regard to their concerns over nuclear power.

I would very much appreciate any comments you may have on this matter.

Sincerely,

  
ROBERT J. LAGOMASSINO  
Member of Congress

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Congressman Bob Lagmarsino  
1117 Longworth Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman:

We sincerely believe that many individuals would not be so pro-nuclear power if they lived adjacent to a nuclear power plant as we do.

P.G.&E. has not answered some of the major unresolved health hazards created by plants such as these. P.G.&E. has not addressed the following questions regarding the emission of "white rain", radioactive dust, from their plant. We would like to know just how many pounds of radioactive dust Diablo would put into our air each day if it is turned on (1) under optimum operating conditions and (2) under the actual working conditions experienced by operating nuclear power plants -- within what limits and (3) what minerals the radioactive dust would contain.

The attitude of the utility companies and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission is to proceed with the operation of these plants with the "hope" of resolving any problems later -- just how much later is anyone's guess. Since many individuals don't worry about what they can't see or really understand, it is the grave responsibility of our representatives to expose all important information to the public to insure their safety, since the Nuclear Regulatory Commission has repeatedly failed in protecting the public's health and welfare. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,  
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